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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

NEWPORT MAN CONVICTED IN GUN THEFT

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Newport Police Chief David Hoyt, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Resident Agent Kraig Hankins announced that Matthew Six, age 32, formerly of 16 Pleasant Street in Newport, New Hampshire pled guilty Friday, July 18, 2003, in U.S. District Court in connection with the theft of several firearms. During a hearing before U. S. District Judge Steven J. McAuliffe, Six admitted guilt to a three count information charging him with burglary of a federally licensed firearms dealer, possession of stolen firearms and possession of a machine gun. Six faces a maximum penalty of ten years and a \$250,000 fine on each count of the information. A sentencing hearing has been scheduled for October 24, 2003.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "New Hampshire is fortunate to have experienced local and federal law enforcement agents who are dedicated, as my office is, to investigate and prosecute serious firearms offenses, thereby insuring the safety of our neighborhoods."

The prosecution against Six, part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the Newport Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.